

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO0US)**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is a response to the "Notice to File Missing Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office dated May 26, 2006, wherein it was indicated that the first name of the fourth inventor doesn't correspond with the name that's on the published application.

Further to a telephone communication to Mr. Winston M. Alvarado, it is noted that the second Kanji (Chinese) character of Mr. Minematsu's given name has two different pronunciations, one of which is "YOSHI" and the other is "MASA". Mr Minematsu uses the pronunciation "YOSHI" (i.e., "Hiroyoshi MINEMATSU") which is correctly identified on the Declaration. The pronunciation "Hiromasa" was listed on the PCT published application; however, as stated above, Mr. Minematsu actually uses the alternative pronunciation "YOSHI".

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Attached is a copy of the Declaration as filed on September 28, 2006 and a copy of the  
Notification of Missing Requirement Under 37 U.S.C. 371 in the United States  
Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

It is believed that no fee should be due, since this filing seeks the correction of the  
USPTO record to properly acknowledge and act on the papers that were filed on September 20,  
2005. Nevertheless, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge any and all required fees,  
except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also  
credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Consideration of the attached is respectfully requested.

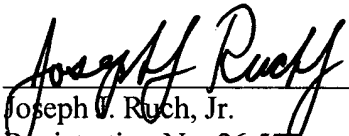
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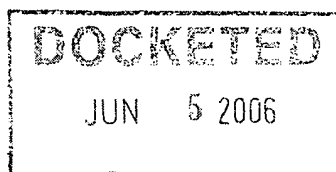


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/28/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/28/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/28/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/28/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/23/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/28/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/28/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/28/2005
- Assignment filed on 09/28/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/28/2005
- Specification filed on 09/28/2005
- Claims filed on 09/28/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/28/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/28/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - The first name of the fourth inventor doesn't correspond with the name that's on the published

application.

- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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